

FOUL PLAY IS FEARED

An Italian Dies While on a Trip In Alabama.

BODY OF THE MAN BADLY BLOATED

Several Marks on the Neck Lead Friends at His Home in Chicago to Believe He Was Murdered, and an Investigation Has Been Started—Coroner Will Inquire into the Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The Italian colony was thrown into a state of great excitement when it was reported that Charles Paladini, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents in that part of the city, was murdered while on a business trip in Alabama.

The remains of Paladini arrived in Chicago over the Burlington road and when examined later by an undertaker they were found to be in such a condition that the police were notified and the coroner will be asked to hold a post-mortem examination. The body had been shipped from Bear, Ala., where Paladini went with 150 of his fellow countrymen for whom he had secured positions as section hands on a new railroad.

The body, according to the undertaker, was bloated and terribly discolored and bore all evidences that death was due to drowning. Several marks on the neck made the undertaker conclude that Paladini's death was not due to natural causes. He thinks the man was first strangled and then drowned. The police officials are of the opinion that a murder has been committed and the authorities at Bear, Ala., were communicated with in an effort to learn more about the case.

SWEETHEARTS SENTENCED.

Young Girl and Boy Go to the Pen For Killing the Litter's Father.

WAVERLY, Ia., Dec. 13.—Judge Clyde has sentenced Delilah Ailes, aged 20 years, and Will Kern, aged 17, to 20 and 13 years in the penitentiary.

Young Kern and the Ailes girl were lovers, to which the father of the boy objected.

The Ailes girl planned to murder the father and persuaded the son to assist her. On Aug. 23, she wrote a note to her father, asking him to meet her in the woods about 5 miles from Cedar Falls. When he arrived at the appointed place, she shot him three times, and with help of old Kern's son covered the body with brush, burning it up. Young Kern was arrested for the crime, and a short time ago confessed to his part, declaring that the Ailes girl committed the deed. She was immediately arrested, and shortly afterward confessed her guilt.

INSANITY IN A CHURCH.

Man Dramatically Declares That Durrant's Life Should Be Spared.

AN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Alice Durrant, who killed Senator Foley at 10 several years ago, created a great deal of excitement in Emanuel Baptist church. At the conclusion of Rev. J. H. Gibson's sermon she dramatically declared that she had a message from God to the effect that Durrant should be saved and it was the duty of the congregation to go to his aid. Mrs. Gibson, who was Durrant's pastor, refused to see the condemned man's wife when she called with a message to her son asking the preacher to tell her he knew about the murders in Emanuel church. Her final appeal for a commutation of sentence of death will be made to Governor Budd this week.

Says Durrant Won't Swing.

LOUIS, Dec. 13.—A special to The Democrat from San Francisco. In an interview published here, the attorney who is fighting for Theodore Durrant's life, says that Durrant will swing in January as is generally expected and declares that he will even go free. The attorney says that actions are soon to be made in the case that will cause a profound sensation. He says that they are on the rack of the real murderer and says arrests will soon be made.

Greek Murderer Pardoned.

MTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 13.—Governor Johnston has pardoned Chris Coleas, Birmingham Greek who killed his first year. On the application of the man who wrote: "The evidence in this case is that the man on reaching home found his wife violating her marital duty; her companion escaped, and he shot his wife and then attempted to kill himself. He was not just a Greek, but the facts persuade me that outrage perpetrated against him by his mind."

Y FOILS THE BANDITS.

Seven-Year-Old Mail Carrier Protects the Interests of Uncle Sam.

UBLIN, Ga., Dec. 13.—A bold attempt to rob the mails was made near bridge which crosses Turkey creek, when here and McRae, and the attempt would have been successful had not been for the pluck and presence mind of Clarence Thornburg, the 17-year-old mail carrier. Thornburg carries the mail over the route between Dublin and McRae, in Telfair county. It was about 2 p. m. when he reached the Turkey creek bridge. Without the slightest warning, three men jumped into the road in front of the horse and ordered Thornburg to throw up his hands. The object of the throwup was immediately perceived by the boy and realizing the responsibility that was upon him and determining to protect Uncle Sam's interests as far as he could, he decided to risk flight before submitting to the demands of the robbers. He quickly turned the horse's head and wheeled around in the road. Putting lash to the animal, he drove at full speed to Grimsley, the last postoffice he passed, about 1 mile distant. The robbers did not attempt to follow a boy. Thornburg reported the matter at Grimsley and the mail was sent on by one man.

WO TO HANG TOGETHER.

Radly Reynolds and Bud Brooks Will Execute Their Crime on the Gallows.

ATLANTA, Dec. 13.—Bud Brooks and Radly Reynolds will go to death on the same gallows next Friday for the murder of Merchant Hunt, whom they killed a year ago near Jefferson, Ga., for the purpose of robbery. Executive Clemens has been refused, the courts of the State have denied them a new trial and nothing remains for them by which their lives may be prolonged. Their attorneys do not expect to make any further efforts in their behalf. The two men have been respited twice by the governor and Brooks' case has been to the supreme court in an effort

to secure a new trial. Reynolds, against whom the evidence has been the stronger, has not been granted a new trial on any ground and their execution is considered inevitable. The prisoners are held in the jail in Jackson county and Brooks is taking his impending doom very hard, while Reynolds, is indifferent to what is before him and has shown no signs of weakness.

WOMAN SHOTS BURGLAR.

The Wife of a Sacramento Police Sergeant Uses Her Pistol.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13.—At an early hour a burglar entered the residence of Sergeant of Police McManus and proceeded to ransack the parlor. Mrs. McManus heard the burglar at his work, but decided not to awaken her husband. She picked up a revolver from a table by the bed and waited developments. In a few minutes the burglar reached the swinging door leading from the parlor into the room adjoining the bedroom and when he opened the door he opened fire. He made his escape, but the trail of blood which was left showed that the woman's aim was good.

Water Famine Was Threatened.

MOORESBURY, Ala., Dec. 13.—The recent rains have relieved the water situation in this part of the state. The lack of water was beginning to be a very serious consideration. Springs and wells that had never failed had become dry and farmers, in some instances, had to haul water for their families' use and for their stock many miles. Even the artesian supply was materially affected. The Alabama river at this point is said to have been lower than ever before in its history. The recent rains, however, are rapidly restoring the wells and streams and the sand bars in the river are already covered.

Follows In Father's Footsteps.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Ira Nelson Morris, son of the millionaire packer, Nelson Morris, has abandoned the career of letters which he entered some months ago by publishing a small volume of travels. He will enter his father's firm. "With the Trade Winds; a Journal to Venezuela and the West Indies," is the title of Mr. Morris' first and only book. "A million men can write books," declared the older Morris, "but few have the opportunity my son enjoys to become great in the business world. A book is read by few, large commercial or manufacturing enterprises are conducted in a blessing to the world at large."

Southern League Reorganized.

ATLANTA, Dec. 13.—The Southern Baseball league was reorganized at a meeting here. New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Augusta will probably be the cities comprising the membership of the new league. The following officers were elected: Henry R. Powers of New Orleans, president; Richard Hines of Mobile, vice president; Judge J. G. Bloodworth of Atlanta, treasurer. The season opens April 21.

Daring Feat of a High Diver.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 13.—Kearney Parsons Speedy, professional high diver and athlete, leaped from the railing of the big Cantelver bridge between this city and West Memphis, into the Mississippi river, a distance of 135 feet, swam to a waiting skiff and was rowed ashore uninjured. The feat was witnessed by a crowd of 2,000 people.

Must Leave Mississippi.

WESSON, Miss., Dec. 13.—The three negroes arrested in the Monticello neighborhood in conjunction with Charley Lewis, the negro lynched for the quintuple butchery of the Smith family, were, after a long trial, declared not guilty, but given until Monday to leave the state.

Zanolli Says He's Innocent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Charles Zanolli, who is suspected of having killed four of his wives and three other persons for the purpose of collecting insurance money on their lives, is still a prisoner at police headquarters. He continues his protestations of innocence.

SHRINERS ARE IN SESSION.

Prominent Masons of North and South Carolina Meet at Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 13.—A number of the most prominent Masons in this state and South Carolina attended the annual meeting here of Oasis Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The Charlotte temple is the only temple of Shriner in the two states and its membership includes prominent Masons from Asheville to Charleston. The present officers are:

W. S. Liddell, potentate; D. E. Allen, chief rabban; W. B. Somerset, assistant rabban; Rev. C. L. Hoffman, high priest and prophet; Dr. J. F. Robertson, conductor; D. G. Maxwell, director; William Anderson, recorder; E. E. Davis, treasurer; John P. Orr, R. W. Smith, trustees; E. M. Purefoy, tiler. Some 15 candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Shrine. After the initiation of candidates, the annual banquet was given in the rooms of the Shriner, 15 East Trade street. It was quite an elaborate affair.

JAILED ON GRAVE CHARGE.

Charlotte Negro Is Said to Have Murdered His Companion.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 13.—Officer J. W. Auten has arrested Edward Wilson, a negro, who is charged with the murder of Chas. Gilmer, another negro. It seems that Wilson and Gilmer engaged in an affray several days ago and Gilmer was so seriously injured that death followed as a result of his injuries. A warrant was issued for Wilson and he was brought to the city and placed in jail. Dr. C. M. Strong, the county physician, was notified and an autopsy was held. He thinks that the direct cause of Gilmer's death was pneumonia. Wilson will, however, be kept in jail until the matter is sifted through. He does not deny having an altercation with Gilmer, but does deny that he used anything but his fist. If he is not responsible for the death of Gilmer he will be held for an assault and the costs in the case.

NO PROFITS FOR SUMTER.

Governor Elberbe Will Place the Town Under a Constable's Surveillance.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the state board of control here the profits going to Sumter from the dispensary were discontinued, and Governor Elberbe, at the request of the board, has announced that he will place a constable there to be paid out of the profits withheld from Sumter. The cause of the trouble was in the following letter from the dispensary officials at that place to the board of control: "The county board of control of Sumter county request that the share of net profits from the dispensary be not paid to the city, but that a constable be employed to suppress the illicit sale of whiskey here. The city council has rented a store to an O. P. dealer."

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Will be found a complete stock of Dress Goods, Autumn Cloths, Astrakians, Outings, Table Damask, etc.

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A CORSET is an article that every lady wants the greatest amount of comfort out of for the least money, and we believe

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supplies the need. We guarantee this corset for four months. Any customer not being satisfied with it can have their money refunded at the expiration of that time.

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Our Ladies' Kid Gloves, in black and colors, every pair warranted, at \$1,

Is one of the principle attractions of this department. We have handled this glove for many years and the number returned would not exceed one per cent.

Blankets, Capes and Cloaks.

The present state of the weather hardly suggests the necessity of these articles, but we are liable to have a sudden change and it is well to be prepared. We are still sole agents for the celebrated

Tar Heel Blankets,

And having made our contracts with the mill before the tariff went into effect, we are prepared to sell them at last year's prices, namely:

10-4 \$3.90. 11-4 \$4.65, 12-4 \$5.40.

Ask your neighbor who bought these goods from us last year what he thinks of them and act on his judgment.

Are going to be largely worn this season, and for popular prices we believe we have the largest stock that ever came to Sumter. Prices from

50c. to \$8.

Our line of Misses' and Children's Jackets in medium weights for early fall, from \$1.25 to \$2 are exceptionally good values.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes.

Every man, woman, boy and girl must have a pair of shoes before the cold weather strikes them, and we know of no place where their wants can be better supplied than with us. Judging from the number of new shoe stores that are being opened one gets the impression that there are large profits in this line, but not so with us. Nearly all our shoes are bought for Net Cash and are sold on that basis, our customers getting the benefit of the discounts.

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That we can sell you an

All Wool, Well Made Suit at \$5.

Above goods in blue, black or fancy Cheviots.

That we can sell you all wool black

Clay Worsted Suit at \$7.50.

In sack or frock suits.

Remember and bear in mind that

Our Stock of Fine Clothing

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Save You the Advance in Price.

You should see our line of

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\$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$7.50.

You cannot resist them, they are too pretty.

We Handle Earle & Wilson's Goods, and we will keep you posted on the correct styles in Collars and Cuffs.

Fast black and tan 1-2 Hose.....	5c.	linen bosom at (A bargain.).....	50c.
Linen Collars.....	5c.	Job lot Boys' Knee Pants, 50c. kind, at.....	25c.
Linen Cuffs.....	15c.	All wool Undervest (sample).....	25c.
All wool Undervest (sample).....	25c.	Job lot Suspenders, worth 25c. now.....	10c.
Job lot Suspenders, worth 25c. now.....	10c.	Mother's Friend Shirt Waist.....	50c.
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Our Stock is complete. Keep your eye on us for prices.

BROWN, CUTTINO & DELGAR,

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An Open Letter to the Farmers.

Fully Prepared for the Fall Trade in Every Respect.

In our long experience in merchandising we have never procured goods in every line more satisfactory with a view to low and suitable prices than during our recent visit North.

We allowed no opportunity looking to this most important end to pass us. These bargains we pledge ourselves to give our customers the full benefit of, feeling sure that we could not give more practical shape to our sense of sympathy and gratitude to our country friends. We know by experience the special wants of our farmers, whose friendship we think we have a peculiar right in claiming, inasmuch as our firm it was which was the pioneer in this section to operate first with the various farmer Alliances, and that our dealings with these gentlemen were most satisfactory in every particular and were appreciated is clearly evinced by the present enormous increased volume of our business. We take much pride in this and are determined by continued conscientious dealing, and the lowest possible prices to retain our hard-earned popularity. Our store is frequently literally packed with customers during the busy season, and this fact can be verified by a visit, and certainly most emphatically sustains the correctness of our statement.

We have not, of course, the space to lay before the public all our offering stock, but can only refer to a limited portion. Probably much that is omitted will be found even more inviting.

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That were made by a merchant tailoring establishment to sell from \$12.50 to \$15, but we bought them to sell

From \$7 to \$8.50.

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Kersey and Beaver Overcoats

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These are merely a few of the attractions of our clothing stock. You can find anything from a boy's knee pants suit at 50c to a man's suit at \$20.

HATS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

In this connection we will only add that we are as well prepared to supply your wants as we have ever been, and that is saying a great deal, for we feel that our hat department has done more towards advertising our business than any other. We are carrying